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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED FOR
FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
AND OBSCENITY CRIMES**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Acting Assistant Attorney General John C. Richter of the Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, announced today that MICHAEL E. PRICE, 45, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 132 months in prison by District Court Judge Sarah Evans Barker in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. PRICE was also sentenced to a lifetime of supervised release after completing his term of imprisonment, and is required to forfeit his computer.

On November 23, 2004, a federal grand jury sitting in the Southern District of Indiana returned a ten-count indictment charging PRICE with seven counts of Receipt of Child Pornography, one count of Possession of Child Pornography, and two counts of Receipt of

Obscene Material. One count of Receipt of Child Pornography was dismissed. PRICE pled guilty to all remaining counts in the indictment.

The charges stem from an undercover investigation of the trade of child pornography in Yahoo Groups. The defendant was identified as a participant in such Yahoo Groups by undercover agents in the Baltimore office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

PRICE received via email or instant messenger six videos depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. PRICE possessed over 150, but less than 300, videos and photographs depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Some of those videos portrayed minors under the age of twelve, or minors engaged in sadistic or masochistic conduct. Finally, the court found that PRICE received two videos depicting bestiality (humans having sexual contact with animals).

The charges were investigated by the FBI's Indianapolis field office. Forensic analysis in this case was completed by Tony Lin, with the High Tech Investigation Unit in the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) at the Department of Justice. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Steve DeBrotta and CEOS Trial Attorney Alexandra Gelber.

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